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December 14th, 1915.

Dr. Falconer,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Dr. Falconer:-

Some time ago I intimated to Professor Wrong my willingness to contribute my share to the general war requirements for which Canada is liable, in the form of teaching in his Department any portion of the work found to be practicable and helpful. Professor Wrong sent me an appreciative reply, in the course of which he stated that he would let me know if any such opportunity should arise. I mention this now because I see talk in the newspapers of Dr. Kylie having to give up more of his work than he was then abandoning. My object in writing to you now is to renew this offer to yourself. My time is not fully occupied at my journalistic work, and while I have to be in the office during a considerable portion of each day, it is always possible for me to accommodate myself to arrangements in which others may be concerned. There is a hint in the papers that some portion of the work would be left not overtaken. I would be sorry for this if it happens to be a kind of work that I could perform efficiently.

I should be glad to hear from you on the subject before you talk it over with Professor Wrong, if you have any idea of doing so.

Yours truly,

*W. H. Forster*

*P.S. There is no question of remuneration involved. My offer is that of a public service contribution.*

December 17th, 1915

William Houston, Fsc.,  
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Houston:

I have for the last two days tried to get Professor Wrong, but I have not so far been able to see him. Naturally I must consult him about the kind offer that you make. I know that in my last conversation with him he said that the absence of men at the front would involve mainly dropping the tutorial work which requires a very large staff. The lecturing he was to undertake himself.

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 24th, 1915

William Houston, Esq.,  
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Houston:

I have talked to Professor Wrong about your kind offer to do some of the work of the History Department, but as I wrote to you in my last letter he has made arrangements for carrying on the work next session, which will be confined mainly to delivering lectures. We had early in the session secured part time from a member of the staff from one of the Federated Colleges. With this arrangement Professor Wrong feels sure that he can carry on all that it will be necessary to do.

With the compliments of the season,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 7th, 1916

Wm. Houston, Esq.,

"The Globe",

Toronto.

My dear Mr. Houston:

I have spoken to Professor Wrong about your offer to take a certain amount of the teaching of History in the University during the coming winter. I am afraid that we are not able to accept your kind offer. The same difficulties about which I have spoken to you formerly hold to-day and while I am well aware that your knowledge of the subject is ample and indeed is very unusual it would not be advisable for us to have you put on the staff at your age unless we find it impossible to handle the work with younger men. Professor Wrong reports to me that he is able to make arrangements for conducting the work next winter in a fairly satisfactory way having regard to the likelihood of the number of students being diminished. I regret to have to write to you in this way, and remain with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

President.

